

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 26, 2003 (paper number 12), and the cited references have been carefully considered. In this Office Action claims 1-4, 6-11, and 14 are pending. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for acknowledging that the “removable self-locking” characteristic feature of the “winding block” recited in Applicants response submitted via paper number 6, filed on June 6, 2002 and further in the response filed on November 27, 2002 (paper number 8), distinguishes the claimed invention over the cited references. Furthermore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the “removable self-locking” characteristic feature of the “winding block” in accordance with the claimed invention, is in full compliance with statutory requirements of 35 U.S.C § 112, first and second paragraph, with respect to Applicants original disclosure filed on November 22, 2000 (see page 4, Lines 25-30 of Applicants specification)

Therefore, in light of the comments made by the Examiner in paper no 12, Applicants have withdrawn claims 1-14 presented for examination, via paper number 8, filed on November 27, 2002. Further, in this amendment, new claims 15-20 have been appended maintaining full compliance with statutory requirements of 35 U.S.C § 112, first and second paragraph, with respect to Applicants original disclosure filed on November 22, 2000.

Applicants respectfully submit to the Examiner that the claimed invention essentially recites a device or apparatus that fulfills a long felt perceived need of a self-adjustable system that maintains a rotor assembly winding “tight enough” at a reference position without requiring any externally adjustable arrangement for controlling radial movement of those windings. Such radial movements of the windings may typically arise during alteration of rotor assembly spin speed over a pre-determined range. In sharp contrast with Applicants, none of the cited references viz. Tajima (US patent 5,036,238; hereinafter “Tajima”), McCabria (US patent 4,409,502; hereinafter “McCabria”) and Kleeman (US patent 5,015,904; hereinafter “Kleeman”) teaches or

suggests a system (i.e. typically a winding block) adapted to be self-locked at a pre-defined reference position for arresting further radial movement of the system from this reference position (see page 4, Lines 25-30 of Applicants specification).

Accordingly, in light of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request consideration by the Examiner to allow appended claims 15-20 in their current form presented in this amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, allowance of abovementioned claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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